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DISCUSSING LIBYA IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON JANUARY 30, LORD BALNIEL, MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, SAID THAT QADHAFI HAD BEEN TOLD THAT LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR THE IRA WAS "BLATANT INTERFERENCE" WITH THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE UK. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER IT WAS TRUE THAT THE IRA HAD RECEIVED ABOUT ONE MILLION POUNDS IN AID AND TRAINING FROM THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT, LORD BALNIEL SAID THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT THE ORGANIZATION MAY HAVE RECEIVED MILITARY AID AND TRAINING BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO EVIDENCE THAT THE SUPPORT WAS ON SUCH A LARGE SCALE. HE ADDED THAT A CLOSE WATCH WAS BEING KEPT ON SUPPLIES MADE AVAILABLE TO THE IRA AND THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN TRIPOLI HAD ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ABOUT LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT. THERE HAD BEEN NO REPLY.

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